

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Portsmouth, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

April 25, 2013 to May 21, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed issuance of a Marine Event permit by the Coast Guard for a Portsmouth Boat Club Cock Island Race to determine whether the project would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Coast Guard intends to issue a CG-4424 Permit for Marine Event permit to the Portsmouth Boat Club, the event sponsors for the Cock Island Race. The race is scheduled for June 15, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and approximately 100 sail boats will participate. The event will take place on the Elizabeth River in the vicinity of the Portsmouth Boat Club in Portsmouth, in parts of the river bounded by a number of lines and points along the Norfolk and Portsmouth shores of the river.

The Coast Guard states that the proposed event is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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